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Third Model Block Home Available for Homeownership

Gainesville, Florida – The Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency is pleased to announce that the third Model Block historic home is now available for homeownership. The Model Block Program is a joint housing initiative of the Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency and the National Trust for Historic Preservation dedicated to the restoration of historic properties, compatible new home construction and home ownership.

The historic home is located at 418 Northwest 4th Avenue in the Pleasant Street National Register Historic District. This house is the third of five historic rehabs and five new construction projects that will be available in the Fifth Avenue Pleasant Street Redevelopment Area for purchase. The second home was sold in December 2007.

The Cook House is a 1, 287 square foot property, three bedroom, one and a half bathroom house that has been completely restored. Photos of the beautifully restored home are available online at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/gainesville/sets/72157603316167437/>. Bid packets are available for those interested by contacting the CRA office at 334-2205. The home will be available for viewing at an Open House on Sunday, March 15, and Sunday, April 13, between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Appointments can be made to view the home. The Model Block houses are only available for homeownership and cannot be bought for rental properties. Anyone desiring to bid on the house can attend a pre-bid meeting on Wednesday, March 19 at 3 p.m. and April 16 at 3 p.m. at the Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency, located at 300 East University Avenue. The Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency office is located in Suite 240, on the second floor of the Commerce Center building. All offers must be submitted by April 30, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. to Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency Suite 240 at 300 E. University Avenue.

The City of Gainesville established the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) in 1981 to create a redevelopment framework in which the Central City District will evolve into a more dynamic office ,service, financial, entertainment, residential and governmental area. The authority to establish the CRA is enabled by Sections 163.330-163.45 Florida Statutes. Redevelopment is undertaken in four distinct redevelopment districts: Downtown, Fifth Avenue Pleasant Street, College Park University Heights, and the Eastside District, which was created last year. Redevelopment projects are coordinated in these districts by the CRA and implemented by a team of partners that includes other City departments and private citizens.

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OPEN HOUSE

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Saturday, December 1st, 2007 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 2, 2007 1:00-4:00 p.m.



Please call 352-334-2205 to receive a bid packet offered by the Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency. Please call 334-2013 for additional information.

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Your Water Is Safe

Gainesville's drinking water supply is safe. Please be assured that recent articles appearing in the national media about pharmaceuticals found in other water supplies are not a cause for concern, because those articles refer to problems that are primarily associated with surface water sources such as lakes, rivers and reservoirs. Gainesville's drinking water supply comes from the Floridan Aquifer, which is a pristine underground source naturally protected from the type of contaminants that are of concern for surface water bodies and unprotected aquifers. We test for certain chemicals that are considered "indicators" if chemical contamination is present. None of these have ever been found in our water.

2008 Great American Cleanup – Saturday, April 19

Volunteer your time in recognition of Earth Day and join GRU at the 2008 Great American Cleanup on Saturday, April 19 at Westside Park in Gainesville. Keep Alachua County Beautiful will organize all community volunteers for a morning of activities such as beautifying parks, cleaning waterways, picking up litter or planting trees and flowers. Learn more about reducing your energy and water use by visiting the GRU booth at Westside Park. For more information, visit www.kacb.org or call 352-371-9444.

Choose Your Own Bill Due Date!

Change your utility bill due date to suit your lifestyle! By calling Customer Service at 334-3434 BEFORE you receive any month's bill and request that your bill's due date be changed to a different date. The date your meter is read will not change, so your bill will never cover any more or

Fibromyalgia Research at UF

The Musculoskeletal Research lab at the University of Florida is investigating the cause of Fibromyalgia (FM). FM is characterized by chronic pain, fatigue and widespread tenderness. Many FM patients have poor sleep and are depressed. We test pains pathways by applying simple pressure or heat stimuli to the skin or muscles. We hope that this information will help in the diagnosis and treatment of FM. If you have FM or think you have FM, and would like to participate in our research, please contact Amber at (352) 265-8901 or email us at painresearch@medicine.ufl.edu.

Ronald McDonald House PRO-AM Golf Tournament

Ronald McDonald House (RMH) of Gainesville PRO-AM Golf Tournament & Auction will be held May 30 and 31 at Haile Plantation Golf and Country Club, with the auction at Best Western Gateway Grand. On May 30, the auction/reception is open to the public. Auction tickets are available by calling our House or at the door.

RMH provides temporary housing, basic amenities and support to families with critically ill children at area medical facilities. Contact Kathy at (352) 374-4404, or visit www.rmhgainesville.org for sponsorship and volunteer information or to make a donation.

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STOP!® Children's Cancer, Inc. Event

Celebrate a fantastic evening "Under the Tuscan Moon," at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center when STOP!® Children's Cancer, Inc. presents The Fantasy Event on Saturday, April 26 at 7 PM.

Guests will enjoy savory favorites catered by Chef Brothers Custom Catering, dance to live music and bid on items from Gainesville's finest merchants at the silent auction. Klaus Fine Jewelry has donated the grand prize.

Tickets are \$150 per person. Corporate tables are available. Contact STOP! at (325) 377-2622 or visit www.StopChildrensCancer.org.

Farm and Forest Festival

On April 26 and 27, Morningside Nature Center Living History Farm highlights rural life in North Central Florida. View live historic-breed farm animals, hear period music, observe traditional crafts and trades, such as sheep shearing, blacksmith, spinning, weaving and woodstove cooking and enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides, period games and crafts for the entire family.

Prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-13. Free admission for children under 3 years of age. Morningside Nature Center is located at 3540